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## THE BONDS WE DIDN'T BUY!

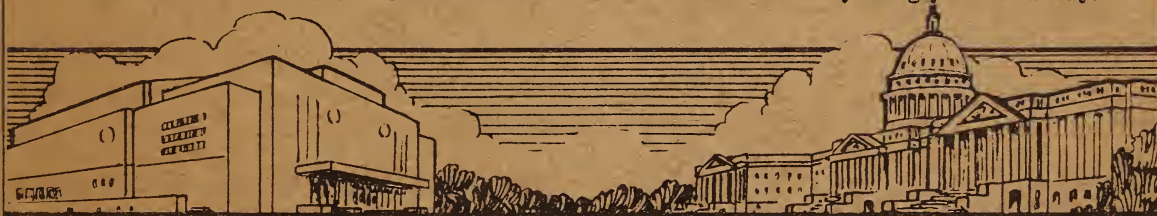
'Tis a mighty task, my brother, this of waging Freedom's war;  
And we'll need a brand of courage that we've never known before;  
But the Vict'ry that awaits us, and no tyrant shall deny,  
Won't be had by "wishful thinking," nor the "Bonds We Didn't Buy!"

Those we love will strive undaunted - in the Sky! On land and sea!  
And they'll not renege at dying, for the "likes of you and me;"  
And there'll be no turning backward of the lads within the ranks -  
But the measure of their effort is of Planes - and Guns - and Tanks!

What of him who faces battle, and a Nation's fate at stake?  
Waiting! Hoping! Vainly pleading! for the "things we didn't make!"  
What of broken lines that falter, pay the penalty - and die?  
All for needless lack of something bought with "Bonds We Didn't Buy!"

....And a chapter would be written should "they" fail to "see it through"  
Of a beaten, cringing people and the task "WE" failed to do;  
There would be a despot's emblem where "Old Glory" used to fly,  
O'er a once proud land! Grim token of THE BONDS WE DIDN'T BUY!!

(By special request we reprint the above poem which was carried in the GRAPEVINE last year. It was written by G. Tinaglia and first appeared in "All A-Board," employee publication of RRB. Contributed by Virginia Galloway)



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Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA.

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## TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

December 19  
12:15 and 1:00 p.m.

### HIGH PLAINS

(a 20-minute visit to South America)

and

POOR LITTLE ME  
(color cartoon)

## COMING EVENTS

Dec. 14, 15, 16:	Three Is a Family, comedy - MH
Dec. 19, 20:	K.C. Philharmonic Orch., Bruna Castagna, soloist - MH
DEC. 21, 22, 23,	Good Night Ladies, 24: farce - MH
Dec. 28, 29, 30,	Sons O' Fun, 31: musical - MH

## News From Field And Camp



## LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

### CAPT. HENRY BROWN IS GERMAN PRISONER

Capt. Henry W. Brown, 21-year-old Arlington flyer, who was reported missing October 3 in a raid over Germany during which he chalked up his 30th victory to become leading ace in the European theater at that time, is a prisoner in Germany. His family was notified today by the War Department.

The former Government clerk, son of Mrs. Addison Grant, Arlington, had a total of 16 enemy planes shot down and 14 destroyed on the ground. Pilot of a Mustang, he holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters.



Described as the "hottest fighter pilot in the European theater," before he was reported missing, Capt. Brown enlisted in the air forces in 1941 and received his rating as fighter pilot in 1943. He won his commission in England, where he was sent five months later.

Born at Dallas, Tex., he attended McKinley High School here and was a clerk in the Farm Credit Administration before entering the service.

The above account is taken from a news item appearing in the Washington Star, on November 27.

Pfc. R. W. Mars, (USMCR, Office of Paymaster, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.) The delightful Christmas package sent to me has arrived. When I pause to think of the many friends who remained in FCA to carry on while we were called upon to leave, I feel very humble to be remembered so well. Other than being away from home and loved ones and friends the Christmas season should be a happy one - so many have remembered me.

I appreciate receiving the Grapevine.... The life here is quite like it would be in the States...The weather is fine, if one likes continuous tropics...Our work is auditing payrolls and keeps us busy much of the time. Thanks again and Merry Christmas.

Sgt. J. D. MacWilliams, (3319085 Atc Wee, 1408 A. F. F. Bldg., APO 741, c/o PM. New York, New York.) I've been here

near Paris just about a month now. So far, I enjoy France very much. With my command of bad French it is easy for me to get into a one-sided conversation with any native with me as the silent straight man.

I've been to dinner at several homes, and in all the food has been well cooked, served, and eaten.

Lt. Com. A. R. Lyon, (USNR, Navy 135, FPO San Francisco, Calif.) (former Examiner) After having been in Chicago for almost three years I was sent on a trip, and now, I'm "somewhere in Australia." I've seen kangaroos and emus, and have been around a little bit, but I'm very glad to have the USA as my home. Just as everyone else in the outfit, I'm going to be extremely glad when this is all over, and we may all come home. This war is not over by a long shot, even though progress has been made....

Lt. J. E. McJenkin, Jr., en route to Atlanta while on leave from a 13 months' assignment in the South Pacific, visited at the office a few days this week. He will be "stateside" for a couple of months and then will join a new squadron for duty in the Pacific area. On his last assignment he was gunnery officer with a dive bomber squadron and saw campaign activity.

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High heels, according to Christopher Morley, were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead.

# Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Dorothy Martin's husband, Harry, arrived for a week's furlough before preparing for overseas' duty...Our sympathy to Pat Ross who was called to Omaha because of the death of her mother...Eileen Hague was at home for a week because of illness... Freda Nordstrom is parting from FCA on December 16 to take up home duties.... On December 9, Waverly Haynes satisfied a secret ambition to visit Rosecrans Field in St. Joe, Mo., and at that time, as the guest of Cpl. Ruth Peterson, visited the orderly room, finance office, and post theatre, and had mess in the WAC mess hall...Recent travelers on official business include Wells Ludlow and George Froelke who spent a few days in Dallas, Tex....Xmas has come from overseas to the wives of two service men and to the sister of another. Letha Johnson received from England a wooden serving tray and wooden coasters and hot dish mats; Mary Rossman received from China an etched silver cigarette case, a 3-piece smoking set, a brass tumbler and a silver tumbler, a silver powder box, and three bracelets; and Lucile Jacomet received from the South Pacific area two pair of SILK hose. ..Pvt. Mabel Grazler was a visitor from St. Joe.

Cooperative. Marvalee Beach is parting from FCA for a move to Boston...Virginia Hibbs returned to her desk following a

2-days' illness..Rosalie Mountjoy has been entertaining a friend from Camp Barkley, Tex...Recent visitors from CR&S Division in Washington include J. J. Scanlan and Chief Harold Hedges who attended the conference of Presidents and Treasurers of BC's.

Economic & Credit Research. Delphine Beirne has returned to her desk following a bit of surgery on her thumb for a bone felon.

Examination. Eileen Fascher's favorite boy friend, Master Sgt. Tony Bruno, is back in the States after 33 months' service in the China-Burma-India theatre. ..Guests at the V. A. Bixler home are Mrs. Bixler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Surbey, of Akron, Ohio...From Washington, D. C., comes news of the marriage of Mazie Fries, formerly of the division, to Commander John G. Paulding, Jr., of the U. S. Maritime Service, on November 18, at the Waugh Methodist Church.

Finance & Accounts. Charlie Kraus is planning a move to his new home which he states is practically in the suburbs of Topeka. A leg injury sustained when he stepped into an open ventilator while sizing up the view from his new home did not dampen his happiness in finding a place to live after long searching. .. Mildred Kern treated co-workers to some Wrigley's Spearmint chewing gum received in a gift package from the South Pacific ...Gladys Rovillo's handsome, blonde nephew, James Thompson, who was a member of the cast of Winged Victory, visited



in the division...Typing Unit welcomes two new employees, Mary Walker and Margaret Roberts. A former employee of the old Bond and Cash Section, Edna Stockman Thorburn, and her Major husband surprised members of Securities Section with a visit during a day's stopover in Kansas City while en route to Texas.... Securities Section said goodbye to two departing members, Irene McClurg, who resigned to take up duties as a home-maker, and Nancy Beatty, who transferred to Securities & Exchange Commission in Philadelphia...S/Sgt. Joe Kudlack, recently returned to the States after 20 months' service with the Marines in the South Pacific, greeted friends while en route to his home in New York...Fred Ganley was in Wichita on a field trip for a few days...Recent guests of Irene McCollom, for an afternoon, were her brother-in-law and his wife, Lt. and Mrs. Stanley McCollom, who were en route from Camp Roberts, Calif., to Ft. Sill, Okla.. Another house-hunter to be congratulated on final success is Carolyn Sorrell who is moving to a home on Southwest Boulevard on the Kansas side...Peggy Lowe's brother, who left the States on the ill-fated ship "Gambier Bay" has returned safely to his family.

General Files. Nadine Jones, S 2/c, en route to Spokane, stopped in for a short visit...Elizabeth Ammon has returned from a week's leave spent beautifying her new home...On a holiday from St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kans., Mildred Schmeltz came over to say hello. ..The Xmas party decorating committee of

the section, composed of Virginia Bradbury and Gerry Williams, have been quite successful in arousing the party spirit by presenting to each member a miniature Xmas tree complete with gold stars and trimmings for desk display.

Governor's Office. Our sympathy to Dorothy Dyhrberg who was called to Omaha because of the death of her mother.

Graphic. The pounding, scraping, and painting in room 1061F announce the arrival of Graphic Section from its quarters in the Annex to join the rest of the FCA family....Dorothy Carlstrom journeyed to her home in Seattle, Wash., for a 2 weeks' vacation...The calmness of Dorothy Palmer was upset on a recent Wednesday by an unexpected visit from her sailor boy-friend, Elgin Thelen, SP/O ...With shiny boots and spurs a group of cavalry men arrived from Ft. Riley, Kans., to be entertained on a week-end by girls of Composing Unit.

Information & Extension. Inez Barber, who parted from FCA on December 2 to join her husband, Cpl. John Barber, in Dayton, Ohio, was honored at a luncheon at the Terrace Grill and presented a make-up kit by co-workers...Catherine Hardy is presently acting secretary to E. B. Reid...W. G. Hoag departed on November 26 to take up duties in the Washington Liaison Office...A welcome is extended to R. L. Foster, who arrived from FCA in Wichita, to take over the duties of Mr. Hoag...Jas. L. Robinson was the "victim" of a surprise birthday

party on December 4...Catherine Champe is back at her desk following an illness of several days...On detail in the division has been Marion Stolor from Stenographic Section.

Land Bank. Candy treats from John Burkett announced the arrival of a baby girl named Myrl Hodgson, weighing 5 lbs., 5½ ozs., on December 4...Lucille Holmes had as a recent guest her sister from Lincoln, Nebr....A week end was spent by Dorothy Griffith with friends near Murray, Iowa...Louise Shear, who left to join her husband in Biloxi, Miss., was given a Saturday farewell luncheon by co-workers...Lila Stefan has returned to work after an illness of several days... Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Thomas are busy entertaining their two sons who are home on furlough.

Library. Ruth Polson returned from a 2 weeks' vacation at her home in Carthage, Mo., with the report that "hunting" in that vicinity has been definitely affected by the activity at Camp Crowder...Members of the library crew and a former member, Juanita Akers, enjoyed an evening together which began with dinner at the Ad Club and ended with a Xmas party at the home of Louise Pressgrove...Lucille Achauer, with 3 months' baggage, departed for Albuquerque, N. Mex., where she will assist in the USDA branch library...Mabel Schweitzer spent a rainy week-end at her home in Ottawa, Kans...A 5-hour visit with Mildred Wilkes, formerly of Coop

Division, who was en route from her home in Alabama to Wichita, was a recent pleasure of Ruth Polson.

Mortgage Corporation Service. Mary Jane McGee has returned from an emergency trip to her home in Mannington, W. Va., because of the illness of her sister.

Personnel. Farewell gifts were presented to two departing members, Virginia Lee, who joins her husband in California, and Eulalie Kraft, who is transferring to the State Department in Washington, D. C.... Jeanne Walkup, detailed from Stenographic Section to Placement Section, is at home recovering from a tonsillectomy...Wave Catherine Bellas, who is now a midshipman, sends greetings from Northampton, Mass... Dorothy O'Bryan from Examination Division is on detail in Gordon Van Leer's office. ...John Francis has returned from a field trip to St. Paul.

Production Credit. Mrs. Art Esgate's broken wrist, sustained by a fall on the ice while Mr. Esgate was on a field trip to Louisville, is improved...Homer Smith has returned to his desk after an illness of one week...An APO number has been assigned to "Cap" Arnold's lieutenant son, Bob...Evelyn Alberg is happily busy moving into a new apartment on Main Street near the Plaza.

Purchase & Supply. Wilma Black and Doris Kirchoff have been on detail intermittently in this section from Stenographic Section...Mary Feeley has



received the important news that she is now an aunt to a fine baby boy born to her sister in California...Samples of R. L. Crim's ginger cookies were enjoyed by the section.

Solicitor's Office. E. Anthony has returned to New York on a recall business trip...Other travelers on official business include A. Goldman who spent a day in St. Louis and L. J. Gardner who spent 2 days of continuous work in Chicago...We hear that Lt. Paul Ritter is now in command of his own ship, an LST.

Tabulating. Lucky Jeanne Gross walked home from the Kansas City "Finders, Keepers" War bond show held in the auditorium with a jackpot of \$81.00 in war stamps...Two recent absentees have recovered from short illnesses, Pauline Norton and Mildred Farrow...Carroll Thomson is recuperating at Lakeside Hospital from an appendectomy underwent on December 4...Entering the contest sponsored by Sammy Kaye at the Loew's Midland theatre for the three girls with the "Most Kissable Lips," Norma Jeanne Talkington and Jeanne Gross were surprised to find themselves two of the winners and were interviewed over KCKN on December 9.

#### OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Ensign Bradford no doubt has "shoved off" since the address we just received for him is U.S.S. McLeish, E-220, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York...Charlie Iseli's

friends will be glad to hear that he is the "proud papa" of a son - weight 9 lbs. 12 oz!...H. N. Weigandt had a letter from Lt. Walter Rader - now overseas - who seems to be anxious to get back to the USA - as do all our boys...Edna Woods writes very interesting letters from Martinique, says that she has now been sightseeing over most of the island...Lt. (j.g.) Glen Wilbur is now stationed in Washington in the Main Navy Building...Lt. Col. O. W. Herrmann sent us a card from Luxembourg. He is really getting to see Europe - so far Sicily, Italy, England and no doubt numerous other places.

#### HOW IS YOUR HEALTH?

On May 29, 1944, tests were begun under the supervision of Dr. Keeling, to determine the existence of anemia in those Farm Credit employees who were interested. A hemoglobinometer purchased by the Farm Credit Club was used for this purpose. Through November 30, 1944, 350 employees requested tests. Rechecks in some cases brought the number of tests made to 555. After finding that they were below normal, 125 employees consulted Dr. Keeling. Some were referred to their personal physicians for further investigation and treatment; others, who showed signs of nutritional anemia, were given dietary instructions and a prescription for supplementary minerals and vitamins. When the course of treatment was completed, a recheck showed marked improvement in every case,

and periodic checks show that those who availed themselves of this service benefited greatly.

The work is still going on and will be continued as long as there is need for it. This is a service which is available to every Farm Credit employee. (JDC)

CLUB DANCE ATTENDED  
BY LARGE CROWD

On December 1, almost all Farm Credit Club members "went social" and gathered in the beautiful ballroom of the Hotel President for an evening of card playing and dancing to the rhythmic tunes of Johnny Coon. A large number of servicemen accepted the club's invitation and added greatly to the enjoyment of the ladies and the success of the party.

The dance was opened with a grand march led by Governor and Mrs. Duggan, followed by Mr. and Mrs. E. Anthony, and participated in by all but a few couples who preferred to watch from the sidelines. The "Paul Joneses" and "Ladies' Tags" which followed were whirling circles of color as the gay hues of the gowns of the ladies blended with the blue and khaki of the uniformed guests and the black and white combinations of the civilians.

There was a floor show consisting of songs by the choral group, a specialty duet by Virginia Paine and Morrill Murphy, and several piano solos by

Cecelia DiCanzio, but a temperamental public address system did not permit the fullest enjoyment of the show. An unannounced bit of fancy jitterbugging by an Olathe sailor and his partner kept on-lookers entertained throughout the evening.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," thought Jerry Beauchamp when the holder of ticket No. 552 could not be found at the door-prize drawing and the 13-pound turkey went to him with ticket No. 168. It was "lucky night" for RACC, too, when Fred Wallace and Bob Hall each walked home with an 8-pound hen under his arm.

At the card tables prizes were won by Julia Norton at "tonk" and Ruth Clayton and Kathleen Thomas at bridge. Dorothy O'Bryan also won a prize but it has not yet been determined just what game was played.

Mingled with the pleasant memories of those who attended the dance is the realization that the success of the party was due in large part to the planning of Kathleen Thomas and the members of her committee including Walt Hein, Pat Ross, and Boots Porter. Also remembered are the willing services of the hostesses, doorkeepers, contact committeemen, Mail Room messengers, members of Graphic and Duplicating Section, Louise Pressgrove who was cardroom chairman, and Tom Pritchard who handled the art work. (ACB)

# Home Service News



The fine cooperative spirit of FCA employees was again displayed last week when volunteer workers from practically every unit in our organization pitched into the job of typing, filling, and stamping envelopes and letters for the Red Cross. These letters, sent out each year in advance of the annual campaign for funds, are the sounding gong for the drive. In expressing appreciation for Farm Credit's assistance, the Red Cross stated that "the letters literally pressed the button for the machinery to be put into operation."

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Doing volunteer work, Mary Nolz, Ruth Burris, Flo Elfert, and Agnes Nemanich have given several hours on various nights during the past three weeks assisting the War Department in making a survey to obtain women to serve as medical technicians in Army hospitals.

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At the war bond premier of "Mrs. Parkinson" at the Midland Theater, Thursday, November 30, which featured the appearance of fourteen war heroes recently returned from the battle fronts, Ruth Burris and Agnes Nemanich were among the 30 girls who were hostesses for the evening.

## GENERAL EISENHOWER URGES PURCHASE OF BONDS

"The German has to be hit with everything we've got and finally the breaking point will come. At present we are keeping up the pressure at maximum strength along the entire front. \*\*\* To get peace we have to fight like hell."

In these words General Eisenhower recently summed up both the plan and the intensity of the Allies' great winter offensive. You can help put on the pressure along the fighting front by buying an extra war bond during the Sixth War Loan Drive. Applications may be obtained from the Minute Man in your section.

## ANTICIPATE YOUR NEEDS

Christmas is coming, of course, and incident to it is an increased demand for postage stamps. If you expect to be buying yours in quantities of 50, 100, or more from the receptionist, place your order and leave your money with her by 2:30 and your stamps will be available the following morning. Your cooperation in continuing this service of the Club will be appreciated.

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News for next regular GRAPEVINE should be in by December 30.

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Lots of people know a good thing the minute the other fellow sees it first.



# Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

FOREVER AMBER by Kathleen Winsor  
BRAVE MEN by Ernie Pyle  
THE BOLINVARs by Marguerite Bayliss  
PUZZLE FOR PUPPETS by Patrick Quentin

Extra copies of both BRAVE MEN and FOREVER AMBER have been ordered so that our members will not have to wait too long for these popular books. While waiting for your favorite best seller, try reading one of the Modern Library's reprints of books that have stood the test of time, such as Balzac's Old Goriot, Bennett's Old Wives' Tale, Fielding's Tom Jones, Glasgow's Barren Ground, Hardy's Return of the Native, Hemmingway's A Farewell to Arms, Hudson's Green Mansions, Lawrence's Sons and Lovers, and Thackeray's Henry Esmond.

## RECORDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

When planning your Holiday parties, why not include some music? The club library offers a wide selection of record albums, both classical and popular. They include operas, symphonies, concertos, quartets, trios, songs, waltzes, and just plain jazz. These albums may be borrowed for a nominal charge any day during the lunch period.

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KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS

## PRIZES AWARDED TO BRIDGE WINNERS

At the close of play on December 8, prizes were awarded to the winners of the bridge tournament as follows:

First prize - \$8.00 Robert McWilliams  
Second prize- 5.00 Marie Puhr  
Third prize - 3.00 Kathleen Thomas

Following is the order in which the other players finished: Erma Dinger, Pearl Ferguson, Alvina Preinkert, Mrs. Gardner Walker, Ellis Batten, Julia Connor, Lorraine Meuers, Willard Frazee, Paul Rapp, Gardner Walker, Alice Snuffer, Sallie Bryant, and Grace Tryon.

Plans are being formulated for another tournament after the Holiday Season. Interested players should send their names to Marie Puhr in room 1014.

## IF YOU DANCE

Your attention is called to the series of square dances which began last Thursday under the sponsorship of the recreation division of the welfare department of Kansas City in the Little Theater of the Municipal Auditorium. Instructions will be given in squares, reels, polkas, and other forms of old-time dancing. Admittance is free. The next session will be January 4, at 8 o'clock, and succeeding lessons will be given every Thursday thereafter.

## SKETCH CLASS

December 12 will conclude sketch classes for 1944. However, the New Year will find us all out for a bigger and better sketch class. Won't you join us? (VWG)

# Sportlight

## FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

### TEAM STANDINGS

December 7, 1944

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Graphic	24	15	26,197
Examination	23	16	27,336
Field Accounting	22	17	27,560
Reports	21	18	29,156
Land Bank	19	20	28,679
Short Term	17	22	25,604
Caps	15	24	25,156
Accounts	15	24	23,820

### RECORDS

H I G	Hein	233	H T G	Reports	855
H I S	Hein	591	H T S	Reports	2,424

### AVERAGES

Menk	172-16	Hein	168-33
	Jacomet	160-32	

## FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

### TEAM STANDINGS

December 7, 1944

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Examination	25	14	22,598
Reports	23	16	23,448
Purchase	21	18	20,983
Personnel	20	19	22,970
Legal	20	19	22,187
F & A	18	21	22,772
Audit	17	22	22,121
Graphic	12	27	19,409

## RECORDS

H T G	Personnel	721	H I G	McGee	199
H T S	Reports	2,017	H I S	McGee	500
				Owens	-

## AVERAGES

McGee	151	Ross	140	Clark	136
Kehres	136			Owens	136

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## HIKERS RIDE SLED IN SUNDAY SNOW

Six hardy hikers braved the deep snow on December 10 for a 2-hour hike in the vicinity of the Country Club Plaza and Loose Park. The group included Mary Nolz, Jean Sutter, Paul Rapp, and the three Dorothy's - Dick, Mack, and O'Bryan.

The hikers serenaded H. P. Mousel, Assistant Chief Examiner, in front of his home on Ward Parkway, and he lent them his daughter's sled for tobogganing down Sunset Hill. An admiring youngster offered to lend Jean Sutter his skis, but she turned down the offer after watching him land full length in a snow bank.

The hike originally scheduled for December 10 along Brush Creek to Fairway and return has been scheduled as the first hike of the New Year on January 14.

## GO SEE FOR YOURSELF

We can't have all the cigarettes we want, or sugar and things like that, but when it comes to ingenuity, originality, and elbow grease, you can't beat Virginia Bradbury and Geraldine Williams



in General Files.

These girls have made the most attractive Christmas tree you would care to see, and all from used things at hand. Old used desk blotters, (note the words "old" and "used"), form a flat background for a wall tree, over which yards and yards of green crepe paper, cut to give a feathery effect like a real cedar tree, was fastened on, perhaps glued, in some miraculous manner.

Putting the old bean to work brought visions of kindergarten days, and as a result the tree is decorated in colored paper chains, lanterns (old Christmas cards were used for these) and even paper red and white candy canes. Few commercial ornaments are on the tree, but of course the old reliable silver icicles add a lot of Ye Olde Yuletide.

The tree has the effect of growing right in a pot on the wall. It is large, decorative, and durable, and being on the wall is in no one's way. It really must be seen to be appreciated.

You would think the wall tree would be enough, but these girls also made miniature trees for each desk in the Section, but one member prefers a cardboard "Cut-it-out-now!" girl on his desk. Some people are funny that way. (HVV)

#### A FRIGHTFUL MIKE

Unhand us Villain! Get your dirty antenna off our, up to now, untarnished character. That raucous, mirthless static you call laughter sears our very

souls. We, the Choral Group, slaved and fought, yes bled and would have died to give a good performance, (and wished we were dead), as you stood there in your shining armor and mocked us with your lies. You turned our golden voices into shrieks, our starry glamour into oblivion, and blasted our honeyed words against clammy stones of misrepresentation.

When our sweet, young Virginia Paine approached you in her girlish timidity to beseech your aid in transmitting her soft soulful voice to the ears of hungry listeners, did you encourage her? You did not! You slapped her in the face and sprawled her fragile broken spirit against our background of injured feelings, and then you roared to the audience in fiendish glee. Even Morrill Murphy, resplendent in his Army trappings, a true knight of Romance if ever there was one, had little, if any, effect upon your black heart.

But take heed. We are not beaten, Mr. Mike. Your victory is short-lived. Waverly Haynes has rolled up her sleeves and gone into action. Our rehearsals have been rejuvenated. We will emerge triumphant from the chaos of your beachhead which is only a toe-hold upon the coastline of our reputation. Come Christmas, the Choral Group will have regained their musical qualities, we hope! (HVV)

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